



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: 3-13-12
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Homeless Death Review Team Report for 2011

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive the Executive Summary Report and an oral presentation on homeless deaths in Santa Barbara County from the Homeless Death Review Team.
- b) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b) (3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect on the environment

Summary Text:

This item is on the Agenda to inform the Board on the Homeless Death Review Team's review of homeless deaths in Santa Barbara County from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

Background:

The Homeless Death Review Team (HDRT) was created in 2008 to review homeless deaths and their causes, explore means to avert similar deaths and, where available, compile statistical data to identify trends.

In August 2010, the Homeless Death Review Team presented their first report to the Board of Supervisors on the deaths of homeless persons in our county that occurred between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010. As a result of this report, changes were implemented to increase the coordination of services between agencies to improve continuity of care and better serve homeless individuals. A report on these changes was presented to the Board on April 5, 2011.

The HDRT report presented to your Board in August, 2010 summarized data on homeless persons who died between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010. The second report reworks the data from the first report and adds additional data to present data on all deaths of homeless by calendar year for 2009 and 2010.

The Homeless Death Review Team reviewed 40 cases of deaths of homeless persons in 2009 and 39 cases in 2010. The Executive Summary provides an overview of key findings and recommendations. The full report with a comprehensive review of the findings can be found on the PHD website at <http://www.countyofsb.org/phd/>.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts to accepting this report and reviewing the recommendations.

Attachments:

PowerPoint Presentation on Homeless Deaths in 2010

Homeless Death Review Team Executive Summary

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